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# Hey Americans, plan to flee? Go jump in Lynn Lake

SOCIAL MEDIA

## Town makes pitch to politically peeved, skilled workers

**Braeden Jones**
Metro | Winnipeg


Americans planning to flee the United States after the presidential election now have an earnest invitation to relocate north — far north to Lynn Lake, Man.

After presidential hopefuls Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton traded barbs in a highly publicized debate Monday night, the little town about 1,000 kilometres north of Winnipeg dropped the mic.

"Have a skilled trade + #debatenight made u say #NoneOfTheAbove? Let's talk. We may have a place for you here," read the tweet from the Town of Lynn Lake's official Twitter account on Tuesday morning.

And, according to the town's chief administrative officer (CAO), "it's completely serious."

"Granted, there is some tongue-in-cheekedness, but it's completely serious actually," said Ric Stryde. "We have an absolute lack of certified, red seal trades people in town and we have a lot to offer."

He explained that in terms of quality of life and access to the great outdoors like some have never seen before, Lynn Lake is hard to match.

"There's some of the best hunting, fishing, canoeing and kayaking you can possibly find anywhere. We think that will appeal to some people," Stryde said.

But the seriousness of the appeal, he reiterated, does come from a legitimate need for skilled trades people.

"We don't have a certified electrician in town, or a certified plumber," he said. "We don't have a hair dresser in town, which is also a red seal trade."

Some people in the town can do those jobs — and other common trades like auto mechanic — but they are otherwise outsourced to people from Winnipeg or Thompson willing to drive up to Lynn Lake.

The town office had around a dozen "Make Lynn Lake Great Again" hats made to borrow Donald Trump's catchy slogan and embody the idea that, with an influx of people, the town could be revitalized.

Today, its population is around 700. But not long ago, as recent as 1996, it was greater than 1,000 inhabitants. Before then, it was 4,000-strong.

Stryde said the community has a lot to offer skilled American workers wanting a quieter life as far from their presidential worst nightmare as possible.

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"If we can find a way to help 'em out we'll look at options, if they're coming out of the States we can look at sponsoring them.... The town has a lot of property, maybe there's something to look at there," he said. "We're 100 per cent serious. If they're interested in immigrating and want to come up here, we have a lifestyle advantage to offer and we'd welcome them."


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# Innovation at the speed of Bell

TECHNOLOGY

## Faster Internet promised if MTS deal approved

**Braeden Jones**
Metro | Winnipeg

When it comes to technology and innovation, speed is a definite asset.

That's what Bell is promising to deliver as soon as its purchase of Manitoba Telecom Services (MTS) is approved.

A three-year sponsorship deal announced Tuesday would bring Bell's world-leading wired and wireless Internet services to Winnipeg's Innovation Alley — a home to creatives, start-ups and other technology companies in the Exchange District.

Bell Canada president and CEO George Cope said within 90 to 180 days of regulators approving the acquisition, the alley would benefit from advanced LTE wireless technology with speeds "four to five times what you would be utilizing."

"It's by far the fastest in Canada," he said, adding some sources clock it as faster than any wireless network in any American city, too.

And not wanting to just improve Winnipeg's connection wirelessly, "but from a broadband perspective" as well, Cope promised to bring Bell's Gigabit Fibre Internet service "within six months" of Bell taking over MTS.

With that service, he said Canada is now leading the United States and major European countries in Internet speeds.

"Today is about ... making sure Canada is leading in technology, and making sure Innovation Alley can go to the next level," Cope said.

Premier Brian Pallister said the technology cements Manitoba as a start-up hot-bed.

"There's no better place to build than here, this is the place to be, this is the province that is going to grow," he said. "Now we will grow smarter too, and that is exponentially a better way to grow."

Mayor Brian Bowman joked that, "if you're finding the Internet speed too slow in Toronto, you know where you need to come now."

The mayor highlighted the significance of better connecting Innovation Alley and Winnipeg to the world.

"Innovation Alley I think does what Winnipeggers are known for ... working together," he said.

"(It's) all about putting our stake in the ground internationally, and saying, we're here, we're growing, and you can be part of it."

The sponsorship announcement and tantalizing promises are subject to federal regulatory approval of Bell Canada's proposed $3.9-billion takeover of MTS.

# Down the alley

Metro talked with a few startups that got their start by taking advantage of the shared spaces and collaborative spirit Innovation Alley offers about how great it is that the alley is there and how sweet it will be to have a better connection.

**All of our development is done at Ascent Works, our manufacturing is being done at Price Industries, our engineering is being done here (in Winnipeg). Any technological advancements coming are going to be amazing.... We're a tech company, so things like that do make a difference with where we want to be based.**

**All of the boards are designed on a computer, 3D modelled and then a machine carves them out, so now our production times are super fast because it's less hands-on. Innovation Alley is the reason I'm here ... being an entrepreneur in Winnipeg is interesting, it's really supportive.**

**Specifically to this product, the (Innovation Alley) fabrication lab has helped us prototype and design it using 3D printers with equipment we can't afford to just buy up front. We were able to use the fabrication lab's capabilities at a small per-month fee to develop the product and validate it before taking it to market.**

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### Trap Tap

Spokesperson Carah Campbell said this KickStarter-catapulted device crowdsources the whereabouts of red-light cameras, speed zones, school zones and other hazards to notify other users.

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### Scam Skate

Owner Joel Baker said he was cutting out his custom skateboards "using a jigsaw in a garage." Now, he uses computer numeric control processes to have a machine cut out the boards, a process he perfected on Innovation Alley.

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### Lift Innovations

Jesse Marr doesn't think his company makes a better grinder; he is adamant it's "the best grinder in the world."

# The Lumineers are coming (if they can find Winnipeg)

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

The Lumineers may need a map of Canada on the band's world-wide tour next year.

On Tuesday, the Denver, Colo. famed folk rockers announced their Cleopatra World Tour will continue next year. Dates and venues appear in a short video that garnered more than 300 retweets and almost 800 likes on Twitter.

The problem: The band listed "Winnipeg, SK" as the local stop.

Ouch, Lumineers. Ouch.

However, someone from the band's Twitter account noticed the mistake and said they would be "fixing it on everything moving forward."

"Forgive us?" read a tweet from the account.

But the band need not "fret" too much. As it turns out, other touring musicians have misplaced the River City.

Twitter commenters noted that (in)famous rockers Nickelback made a similar snafu (shame on you, fellow Canadians!). Another band even referred to "Winnipeg, North Dakota."

In any case, local Lumineers fans seem pumped about the band's Manitoban stop.

**ABOVE:** Screengrab of the Lumineers promotional tour video. SCREENGRAB

They play the MTS Centre on March 28, 2017. Tickets have yet to go on sale, but other venues on this year's tour have sold out, including the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles.

Winnipeggers will surely show the Lumineers a good time — and maybe help put this fine city on the band's map.

The Lumineers' singer Wesley Schultz, right, and percussionist Jeremiah Fraites. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

@thelumineers Winnipeg, MB not Winnipeg, SK smh
@AdrianFran13

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RIDESHARING

# Show support, fill out Manitoba taxi industry survey: Uber

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Uber is urging Manitobans to fill out the Manitoba Taxicab Board's industry-review survey, which could pave the way for the ridesharing giant.

Locals with Uber accounts received a message from the company, asking them to take "five minutes out of your day to complete the survey."

"Your input will directly impact whether the government considers moving forward with regulations that embrace ridesharing," the message said.

Uber thinks it has a pretty good idea of how people perceive cabs. The ride-hailing app gets people from point A to point B, but the company claims it addresses common concerns about the taxi industry. If those concerns are reflected in the Taxicab Board's industry review, it could pave the way for Uber to swoop in.

Taxicab Board chairperson Randy Williams told Metro he was waiting to see the survey results after it closes Oct. 2, and whether they indicate demand for ridesharing.

Uber spokesperson Susie Heath reiterated the Uber statement that there are no "specific launch plans" for Winnipeg, but hinted at preliminary work.

"We have been pleased with the support that we've seen from Manitobans and look forward to continuing our work with the province to develop a regulatory solution for ridesharing," Heath said.

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# ‘Think about yourself, right now’

SELF CARE

## Advocate to talk about youth mental health with royals

Braeden Jones
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Everyone needs to take care of their mental health, but not everyone remembers to do so.

That’s a key lesson Danielle Sicotte learned in her first year of running a chapter of Jack.org — a non-profit that encourages students to engage their peers in discussing mental health issues — at the University of Winnipeg.

And it’s one lesson Sicotte plans on sharing with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge as one of the organization’s representatives meeting Will and Kate in Victoria, B.C.

“They’re going to be asking us questions about youth mental health… and possibly mental health in our communities, how it is talked about, and how we can open the conversation up to everyone,” she said.

Finding a way to de-stigmatize the issue and shine a light on it is a subject Sicotte is well-versed in, as she has personal experience to draw upon.

She said her own struggles with anxiety and a sense that she couldn’t talk about it openly is what prompted her to start the local Jack chapter. Rather than suffering alone and in silence, she chose to spark conversation as widely as possible and find inclusion in her community.

> **Five out of five of us have mental health, one in five will have struggles.** Danielle Sicotte

At one of the events she hosted on campus last year, she remembers being behind a booth and asking students how they take care of their mental health.

“(They said) anything from dance classes once a week, or taking personal time each day to just ask themselves how they’re doing,” she said. “One student though really opened up and said they didn’t really think about it, or they don’t think about it unless somebody reminds them.”

And on that day, Sicotte served the reminder.

Since then, she’s remained committed to telling anyone who will listen: “Think about yourself, and think about your mental health, right now.”

Her group meets once or twice each week to discuss organizing events like that and plan ongoing outreach efforts to really create positive change on campus.

She said there are about 12 active volunteers who help her cause like that at the University of Winnipeg, including five new to the team this year.

“Five out of five of us have mental health, one in five will have struggles,” she said. “Us meeting the royals is really going to show that this conversation does affect everybody, and will possible bring more light to the fact we can start these conversations easier throughout our day more and more.”

**Danielle Sicotte,** a 5th year Bachelor of Health and Physical Education student at the University of Winnipeg, will be traveling to British Columbia to speak with Prince William and Kate Middleton about mental health this weekend. DAVID LIPNOWSKI/FOR METRO

Transcona Coun. Russ Wyatt METRO FILE

# Councillor seeks city hall review

ACCOUNTABILITY

## Wyatt to drum up support for study of operations

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Coun. Russ Wyatt is calling for a sweeping review of how city hall operates in the wake of a recent senior staff shakeup.

The Transcona councillor said he wants his peers to ask for a "full independent operational review and performance assessment" of the roles and responsibilities of the city's corporate staff and the structure of the public administration.

He also wants the powers of the mayor's office, council and the standing policy committees reviewed.

"It's been nearly 20 years since we looked at our civic governance structure," he said, pointing to a 1996 review by George Cuff.

> **I am pleased to see our CAO responding to the priorities of council.**
> Mayor Brian Bowman

Wyatt said the goal of a review would be to improve civic governance and public policy decision-making by identifying parts of the current system he feels are "broken," not to mention too bureaucratic and inefficient.

He named the city's so-called strong mayor model as part of the problem, as it weakens the powers of council.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Wyatt said he was working on plans to bring forward a notice of motion to Wednesday's council meeting.

Regardless of when the motion comes forward, he said, he wants to begin having conversations with the mayor and other councillors on this issue, which he believes is pivotal to creating a more open and transparent government.

A review could study the best practices used in other municipal governments across Canada, Wyatt added.

He also intends to ask council to retroactively suspend the powers of chief administrative officer Doug McNeil in order to halt his realignment of the civic management team, which he is permitted to do.

On Monday, McNeil circulated an email to city staff, informing them that three new positions had been created.

These positions are chief asset and project officer, chief innovation officer and chief transportation and utilities officer.

Former city economist Georges Chartier will assume the first role, while the other two have yet to be filled, he said in an email.

McNeil wrote that the new managers would report directly to his office, which increases the total number of direct reports from three to six.

Earlier on Tuesday, Mayor Brian Bowman said he's been advised the creation of the new positions is cost-neutral to the city because four vacant positions have been deleted.

"I am pleased to see our CAO responding to the priorities of council, which is greater customer service, a focus on innovation, as well as a chief project manger position," he told reporters.

"We need professionals to be responsible and accountable for delivering results in those portfolios."

OLD MARKET SQUARE

# King's Head owner raises $10K for skating rink

The owner of a local watering hole in the Exchange District says he's one of several sponsors ready to spend $10,000 for a skating rink in Old Market Square.

Jay Khanuja, owner of the King's Head Pub, said the last time the area had a skating rink was 18 winters ago. He helped out with planning back then, too.

"At that time, of course, it didn't work out that great because you didn't have a residential base and there weren't as many businesses in the area," he said in a telephone interview Tuesday. But all that's changed since then.

Back in August, the city's committee on protection, community services and parks instructed city staff to work with the Exchange District BIZ to figure out what needs to happen in order for a skating rink to be installed in Old Market Square.

BIZ executive director Brian Timmerman said a skating rink would allow for year-round programming in the area.

However, he said the BIZ lacks the means to execute the project without assistance from private businesses or reliance on city resources.

So recently, Khanuja stepped up with $10,000 worth of sponsorship, which is partly from his own business and two other individuals, whom he did not want to name on Tuesday.

His motivation? Paying it forward to an area he's called home for decades.

"Is there a direct impact that'll help the King's Head directly by having a skating rink? No," Khanuja explained. "Is it something that will help the area? Yes. And that's what we want. We want a positive impact."

He added he hasn't yet approached other businesses in the vicinity.

Timmerman explained they also have to wait and see whether work could be done privately, but he hopes there could be a skating rink installed in winter 2017.

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# Winnipeg needs its own rules for drones, councillor says

BYLAWS

## Call for safety measures to be tabled at council

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Winnipeg

Coun. Scott Gillingham believes it's time the city adopt a bylaw that regulates the use of drones in Winnipeg.

The St. James-Brooklands councillor plans to table the request as a notice of motion during Wednesday's council meeting.

According to a news release circulated Tuesday, Gillingham notes that the popularity of drones — and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) — has increased in recent years. He says that means measures should be in place to ensure people fly them safely.

Gillingham is requesting city staff determine the feasibility of drafting such a bylaw, which he wants to see focus on public safety, education and the protection of privacy.

He also wants staff to consult with interested stakeholders, such as NAV CANADA and the Winnipeg Airport Authority, if a bylaw were developed.

"The formation of this bylaw is not intended to curtail or diminish the use of drones, that's not it at all," Gillingham said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

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> Coun. Scott Gillingham

"The focus is more about how do we ensure that when people are using drones, that they're using them safely and they can enjoy them."

Gillingham said he knows of several jurisdictions in Canada that already have drone bylaws in place.

"Some of those bylaws determine where drones can be operated and where they cannot, just to ensure that there's no unwanted interaction between other air traffic for example, and drones."

In his motion, Gillingham includes a letter from the Winnipeg Airport Authority that encourages the city to seize the opportunity to govern how drones are used.

Winnipeg could soon consider a new bylaw regulating the use of drones and unmanned aerial vehicles. ISTOCK

Other members of the aviation industry, including representatives from Transport Canada, have also expressed an openness for the city to help raise awareness about drone safety, Gillingham added.

He envisions that a bylaw could also help vendors educate their customers about Transport Canada's rules around drones and UAVs.

Gillingham's request will be automatically forwarded to the meeting of the Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Committee Oct. 4.

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CONSTRUCTION

## Bowman still pushing for Jan. 1 growth fees start date

Mayor Brian Bowman is still hopeful that a new bylaw to legislate the collection of growth fees in Winnipeg will kick in on Jan. 1, 2017.

He told reporters on Tuesday that deadline is still on the table — despite some councillors' concerns a plan to levy the new charges could not be ready in time for New Year's Day.

Bowman's deadline is in line with a city staff recommendation.

"I think making a decision sooner than later would reduce market uncertainty, and we've had requests from the industry to make decisions on this matter sooner than later," Bowman said.

"We need to continue those conversations with the question of how and when."

Coun. John Orlikow (River Heights-Fort Garry), chairman of the planning, property and development committee and acting lead on the growth fees consultations, said he does not believe the plan outlined in the staff report could be in place by January without amendments.

When asked by reporters to respond on Tuesday, Bowman reiterated that he is listening to members of council, as well as the industry, and will wait for Orlikow to report back on his findings.

Mayor Brian Bowman. METRO FILE

> Making a decision sooner than later would reduce market uncertainty.
> Mayor Brian Bowman

The proposed growth fees plan is currently on hold after last week's executive policy committee unanimously voted in favour of an "indefinite" delay in order for more consultations to be done.

Bowman said on Tuesday he's open to considering changes to the timeline, exemptions for infill developments and renegotiated fee prices.

He added that although the by-law could take effect by New Year's Day, the fees could be collected at a later date.

If the proposed plan is approved as is, the fee for building an 1,800 square foot single-residential home would cost $18,303.

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ROYAL VISIT

# First Nations urge 'true reconciliation'

First Nations leaders have urged the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to encourage the B.C. and federal governments to take their issues seriously, marking the second straight day of the royal tour that indigenous leaders expressed frustration.

Chief John Kruger of the Penticton Indian Band spoke directly to Prince William and Kate during an event at the University of British Columbia's Okanagan campus on Tuesday, urging them to advocate for reconciliation for indigenous peoples.

"True reconciliation involves the honour of the Crown, the federal government, provincial government and the indigenous people of this land."

**The Duchess of Cambridge** meets with a First Nations chief in Kelowna, B.C., on Tuesday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kruger was standing in for Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, president of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, who has boycotted royal events. THE CANADIAN PRESS

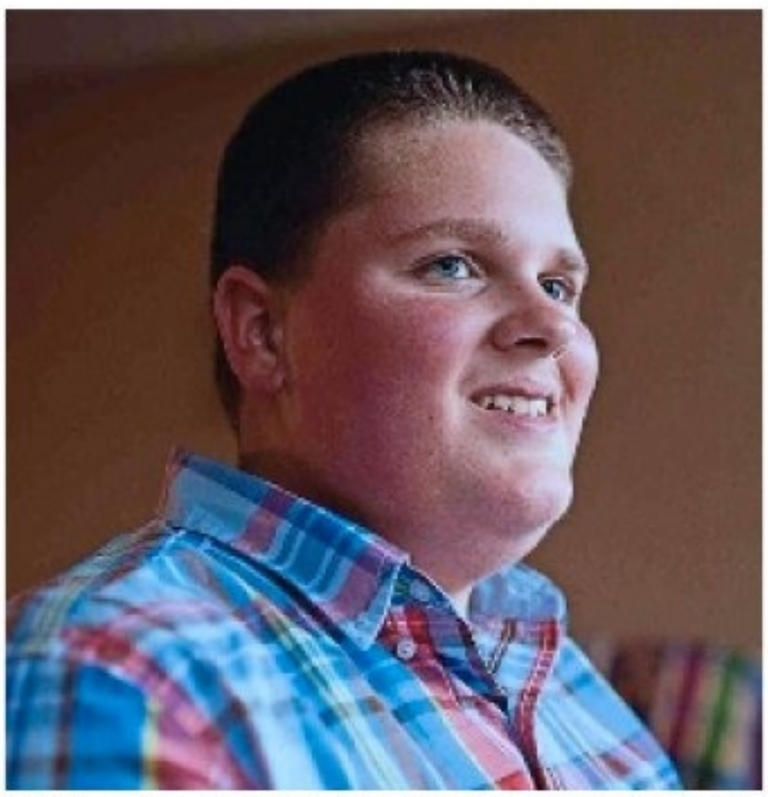
## IN BRIEF

**Vaping laws on the way**

The Liberal government says it will introduce legislation this fall to regulate vaping.

Health Canada says the move will balance the need to protect young people from nicotine addiction while allowing adult smokers to legally buy vaping products and e-cigarettes to help quit smoking or as a potentially less harmful alternative to tobacco. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Halifax teen wants Justin Trudeau's ear



**Logan Henderson** created an online petition in hopes of persuading Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to consider allowing people as young as 13 to apply for a spot on his Youth Council. JEFF HARPER/METRO

POLITICS

## Says under 16s should have spot on PM's Youth Council

**Yvette d'Entremont**
Metro | Halifax

A Grade 8 student from the Halifax area is hoping Justin Trudeau will consider allowing people as young as 13 to apply for a spot on the Prime Minister's Youth Council.

Logan Henderson, 13, has a keen interest in government, which he said was piqued more than a year ago.

"I just watched the news, and I liked the political stuff," he said. "It wasn't just an interest at one point, it became a passion. I had to go and advocate for things."

When Trudeau was campaigning last year, Henderson was excited to hear him promise to create a youth council to advise the prime minister on important national issues, but was disappointed to learn it would only consist of youths between the ages of 16 and 24.

"When you're 18 you can run for office, so I don't think it's really fair to those of us who don't have our voices heard right now," Henderson said. "The people that already have their voices heard are getting their voices heard even more."

He decided to create an online petition in the hopes of getting his message to Trudeau.

"It is time that we allow all youth to have equal opportunity to at least apply and be considered for the prime minister's youth council," he writes in the petition.

"Since we can't vote we don't get listened to as much as the people who can vote," Henderson said.

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# ‘Hateful, spiteful language’

U.S. ELECTION

## Women say sexism was on clear display during debate

When Donald Trump challenged Hillary Clinton’s stamina on the debate stage, Pennsylvania voter Patricia Bennett said she heard a “dog whistle” that smacked of unmistakable sexism.

“Why doesn’t he just say that she needs more testosterone?” said Bennett, who plans to vote for Clinton in November.

Across the country, Lisa Lowe, who was lukewarm about Clinton before Monday’s debate, said Trump behaved like a “negative bully.” Kris Stotler, an undecided Virginia Republican, was disappointed by Trump’s jarring criticism of a former beauty queen’s weight, which Clinton condemned during the faceoff.

“It’s incredibly distasteful, and it doesn’t stop,” Stotler said of Trump. “Even if you thought that, why would you say that?”

Bennett, Lowe and Stotler were among two dozen female voters from battleground states who publicly expressed concerns about Trump’s critical and often demeaning comments about women, as well as his approach toward Clinton in the debate.

Donald Trump sneers during his debate with Hillary Clinton on Monday night. Former Miss Universe winner Alicia Machado, once called “Miss Piggy” by Trump because of her weight, campaigns for Clinton in Miami in August. GETTY IMAGES

After Monday’s debate, Clinton’s team believes it has all the ammunition it needs to rally women in the campaign’s closing weeks. That’s due in part to strong execution by Clinton, who arrived at the debate armed with numerous past statements Trump has made about women. She was particularly assertive in calling him out for once labeling 1996 Miss Universe winner Alicia Machado “Miss Piggy” after she gained weight.

But Trump also did himself few favours. He interrupted Clinton repeatedly during the debate, at times leaning into his microphone to declare “wrong!” as she was talking. And he perplexingly

> **Even if you thought that, why would you say that?**
> Kris Stotler

stood by his criticism of Machado the morning after the debate, saying in an interview on Fox News Channel that Machado was one of the “worst we ever had” in the beauty contest he used to own.

“She gained a massive amount of weight,” Trump said. “It was a real problem. We had a real problem.”

Clinton’s campaign quickly lined up Machado for a conference call with reporters. The Venezuelan-born Machado, now a U.S. citizen, said she hoped her story would “open eyes” about Trump in the election.

Debby Bower, a 41-year-old Democrat who lives in the Denver suburbs, said Trump’s taunting of the former beauty queen was “painful to my soul.”

“It hurts my heart when I hear the hateful, spiteful language that Mr. Trump uses,” Bower said.

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## Trump: I meant to do that

Donald Trump says he was holding back during his debate against Hillary Clinton because he didn’t want to embarrass her.

The Republican presidential nominee addressed Monday night’s debate at length for the first time publicly during a Tuesday evening rally in Melbourne, Fla. He was on his heels for much of the night, but proclaimed victory on Tuesday as he faced rowdy supporters in an airport hangar.

Trump said that Clinton was “stuck in the past” during the debate. He said she defended “the horrible status quo” for the 90 minute debate-stage clash.

He added, “I was also holding back — I didn’t want to do anything to embarrass her.”

He previously said he held back to avoid embarrassing the Clintons’ daughter, Chelsea, who also was in the debate audience.

Trump’s team said he was planning to bring up Bill Clinton’s infidelities during the debate, but changed his mind.

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# Battle rages harder for besieged Syrian city of Aleppo

With international diplomacy in tatters and the U.S. focused on its election, the Syrian government and its Russian allies are seizing the moment to wage an all-out campaign to recapture Aleppo, unleashing the most destructive bombing of the past five years and pushing into the centre of the Old City.

Desperate residents describe horrific scenes in Syria’s largest city and onetime commercial centre, with hospitals and underground shelters hit by indiscriminate airstrikes that the UN said may amount to a war crime.

Debris covers streets lined with bombed-out buildings, trapping people in their neighbourhoods and hindering rescue workers. On Tuesday, activists reported at least 11 people killed in airstrikes on two districts in the rebel-held part of Aleppo.

The battle for Aleppo is unlikely to be an easy one for government forces because the isolated rebels say they are determined to “fight until the end” to defend their neighbourhoods. Insurgents outside the city could also attack government troops to try to reduce pressure on comrades trapped inside.

Civilians and rescuers gather in the Al-Shaar neighbourhood of Aleppo on Tuesday. KARAM AL-MASRIKARAM AL-MASRI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

If government forces and their allies capture the rebel-held eastern neighbourhoods, it would be a turning point in the 5-1/2-year-old civil war that has killed more than 250,000 people and displaced half of Syria’s population.

Over the course of the conflict, the government has slowly regained control of major cities. Its aim appears to be securing what some analysts call “useful Syria” — a portion containing the four largest cities of Aleppo, Damascus, Homs and Hama, along with its Mediterranean coast.

Aleppo is the last of the major cities still being contested, and it could take government forces between six months and a year to capture it, unless they aim to “annihilate” the politically significant city, a Western diplomat told The Associated Press. The envoy, who is familiar with the ceasefire talks that have faltered, spoke on condition of anonymity because of his government’s regulations.

Once all of “useful Syria” is in government hands, international diplomacy would have to determine the fate of the jihadi-controlled northwest and those areas dominated by the main Kurdish militia and the Daesh militant group.

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## Police assume ‘xenophobic’ motive in mosque bombing

Two homemade explosive devices were set off outside a mosque and a conference centre in the eastern German city of Dresden, police said Tuesday. Nobody was hurt.

Dresden police said in a statement that there was no immediate report on the extent of damage from the explosions late Monday.

“Even though we do not have a letter of confession, we must assume there’s a xenophobic background,” Police President Horst Kretschmar said.

> **We don’t want these things to happen in Germany.**
> German Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere

German Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere called the attacks “outrageous” and condemned them sharply.

“Aggression against people who are practising Islam is increasing in Germany,” he said. “Fortunately, people didn’t get hurt, but we don’t want these things to happen in Germany.”

An imam with his wife and two sons were inside the mosque at the time. They were not injured, but the entrance door was forced into the building by the blast. Police said they increased security outside mosques all over Dresden.

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## Proposed class action targets Air Canada, WestJet

Air Canada and WestJet are facing a potential class action lawsuit after imposing checked baggage fees only days apart.

The proposed class action alleges that the two airlines colluded to impose the fees and have unjustly enriched themselves in the process.

"I just thought it was so wrong, what the airline companies were doing," said Lorne Hodel, lead plaintiff of the lawsuit.

The statement of claim, filed in the Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan, says WestJet announced a $25 baggage fee on Sept. 15, 2014, and Air Canada followed suit on Sept. 18.

The claim alleges it would have been "impossible" for Air Canada to be ready to implement the fees only days after WestJet, indicating collusion between the airlines.

Tony Merchant, the class action lawyer who filed the claim, said it was also suspicious that Air Canada announced the same fee structure as WestJet, with both adding a $25 fee for a first checked bag for economy passengers in Canada.

> **I got nothing new for the 25 dollars. That's known as unjust enrichment.**
> Tony Merchant

Merchant said the airlines charged more, without providing extra services.

"What new did I get for the extra 25 dollars? Well I got nothing new for the 25 dollars. That's known as unjust enrichment," said Merchant.

Air Canada and WestJet declined to comment because the matter is before the courts.

Karl Moore, an aviation expert at McGill University's Desautels Faculty of Management, found the collusion allegations far fetched. He said both airlines had already been thinking about adding the baggage fees and WestJet's move made it easier for Air Canada to add the fee as well.

He said the baggage fees are part of a wider trend of unbundling fees on airlines. "You pay more for meals, you pay more for the seat you want, you pay for bags. They've unbundled, and this is just part of that unbundling process," said Moore.

The proposed class action, which has yet to be certified, seeks to have baggage fees refunded along with other damages.

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## IN BRIEF

**Crown wants eight years for woman in Ponzi scheme**

A Crown lawyer says a B.C. woman who bilked 28 investors out of millions of dollars and potentially compromised the Canadian economy should get a seven- to eight-year prison sentence. Kevin Mark told a provincial court sentencing hearing that Rashida Samji lied to close friends, a cousin and a former employee in her notary practice to collect investments ranging from $50,000 to $12 million.

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**Amazon ups ante with same-day free shipping**

Amazon announced Tuesday it will offer free same-day shipping, seven days a week, to customers with Prime memberships in Toronto and Vancouver who order more than $25 worth of merchandise.

The announcement was made a week after the online retailer increased its free-shipping minimum to non-members to $35.

The service was made available to Amazon Prime subscribers in the U.S. about a year ago and is available in Europe and Tokyo.

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# How much would you pay to punch this face?

People who have mentioned that they'd like to punch Martin Shkreli in the face may finally have their chance. The former Turing Pharmaceuticals CEO tweeted out Monday that he's auctioning off the right to "one slap/punch in the face to benefit my friend Mike who passed away & leaves behind a young son who survived cancer." Shkreli came under fire after he jacked up the price of a life-saving AIDS drug by over 5,000 per cent, up to $750 US a pill. REBECCA WILLIAMS/METRO

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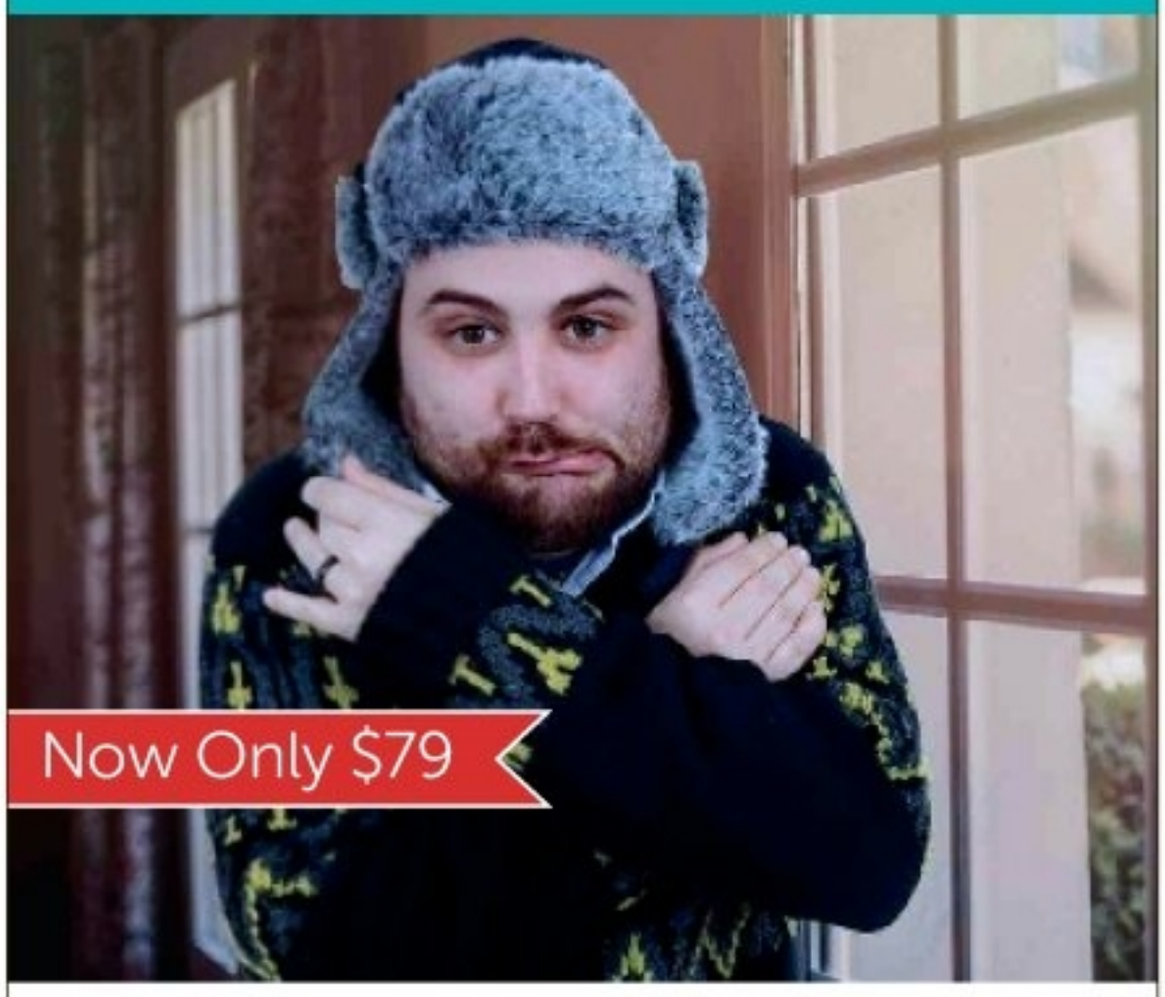


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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
ON THE ABORTION PILL

# Elon Musk is going to send you to Mars, but the federal government can't figure out how provide a decades-old and long-proven means of providing a basic health-care right within our own borders.

Health Canada has royally botched the handling of a drug key to women's health, and fundamental to their rights, yet again.

But it's only the latest, appalling proof of our sexist, laissez-faire commitment to abortion access.

After taking an incredible 27 years (nearly my lifetime) to approve the abortion pill known as Mifegymiso — and a full 16 years longer than the United States, itself no bastion of abortion rights — Canadians can finally, finally, expect to access the drug early next year.

But it will not be covered by most health plans. In fact, none, except Quebec's, will foot the $300 bill.

To put it into context: On the day Elon Musk announced interplanetary travel "within ten years," Health Canada admits it can't even cover a simple abortion treatment that is already in use in 60 countries around the world and deemed by the World Health Organization to be an essential medicine. Musk is going to send you to Mars, but Health Canada can't figure out how provide the decades-old and long-proven abortion pill within our own borders.

This time, as always, the ministry has an excuse. And, unsurprisingly, it blames a drug company. Celopharma Inc., which will distribute Mifegymiso, has said it can't pay the $72,000 fee for the Common Drug Review, a mandatory requirement for acceptance to provincial health care plans in English Canada. Thus, Ottawa claims its hands are tied.

They are not.

Quebec does such a review for free. Not only that,— it's already home to nearly half of this county's abortion clinics. Think about that. A quarter of Canadian women already have access to half the nation's abortion clinics, and they'll be the only ones able to access the abortion pill under their provincial health care.

It seems clear that French-speaking Canada cares far, far more about reproductive rights than the rest of us.

Health Canada's excuse would be more believable if it hadn't already imposed a series of rules around the abortion pill that doctors have warned could prove prohibitive. The ministry has required doctors to be trained to prescribe the pill, has suggested doctors should physically oversee the first step of administration, and has required doctors themselves to sell the pill.

Even B.C.'s Health Minister called the totality of these rules "onerous" and a risk to patient safety, as reported by the Globe and Mail, which broke the latest news of the $300 price tag.

A Globe editorial called the entire debacle "paternalistic." Dr. Wendy Norman, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research chair in family planning, has dubbed the rules "demeaning."

Without question, they are sexist.

But then, so is the history of abortion access here.

Only this year has P.E.I. been forced to offer abortions in-province through a lawsuit. Only last year did New Brunswick stop forcing women to get two doctors' approval before seeking an abortion. In medical schools across the country, abortion is nearly absent. It's not even mentioned in mandatory lectures at one-third of schools, and there's no standardized curriculum.

That is an outlandish state of affairs given how common abortions are: Nearly one-third of Canadian women have had at least one abortion, according to Norman's own research.

Let's repeat: We have a physician-training system that ignores one of the most unifying procedures in Canadian women's lives. And like all discrimination, this country's sexist abortion laws hurt the remote and less wealthy the most.

Those outside our major urban centres have a much lesser chance of finding an abortion clinic nearby. Those on low incomes will be far less likely to afford the $300 charge. And the situation is only getting worse. In recent years, there's been a "substantial decline" in the number of rural abortion providers, Norman's research has found.

All of this is not the problem of Celopharma Inc. — it's Health Canada's. The pharmaceutical industry doesn't have a duty to protect the rights of Canadian women, and to offer fair and unhindered access to basic health care. Health Canada does.

And Justin Trudeau — who took so much heat and won so much praise for requiring a pro-choice stance within his party — should put our money where his mouth is.

He should demand Health Canada that find a work-around to the review problem. He should demand better access to abortion clinics for women who would chose them.

Doesn't matter what he calls himself — Trudeau's no feminist unless he does.

**SIGN SAYS IT ALL** A protester brandishes a placard at a pro-choice demonstrators in front of the New Brunswick Legislature in Fredericton in 2014. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

**Like all discrimination, this country's sexist abortion laws hurt the remote and less wealthy the most.**

# The personal has gotten political for black athletes

Vicky Mochama
For Metro

We're now through Week 3 of the NFL's regular season, and Colin Kaepernick is still sitting out.

Players from around the NFL have joined the San Francisco 49ers backup quarterback in boycotting the national anthem to protest unpunished police killings.

And on Monday Raptors star DeMar DeRozan and his teammates promised that they, too, plan to speak out against police brutality.

We're witnessing a meeting of politics and sports not seen since the civil rights era.

Some would prefer for sports to stay apolitical. I get it. Spending an entire Sunday watching impossibly large men hit each other for points is my idea of heaven. As an escape from life, football is perfect: there's a winner and a loser and there's a story. Real life doesn't have as many clean resolutions or as many reasons to eat nachos.

Historically, black athletes have tended to stay quiet on social issues. The major exception is the 1960s, when Mohammed Ali could be seen on national TV saying, "We black people, as a whole, are at war, we'll say, with the white power structure" in front of a white audience.

It didn't last. The '80s and '90's were the glory days of see-no-evil-hear-on-evil in pro sports. It wasn't that the athletes stopped caring; it was, in part, because the economic stakes rose. As TV rights, product endorsements and free agency fattened and diversified athletes' incomes, there arose a host of potential conflicts of interest that didn't used to be there. Hence Michael Jordan, the quintessential '80-'90s athlete, saying, "Republicans buy sneakers too." To a community accustomed to poverty, getting rich looks confusingly similar to getting free.

Lately, though, politics have come back to sports The Kaepernick protest and DeRozan announcement represent the culmination of a trend that had been building in recent years, especially in the NBA, the league that kicked out Donald Sterling for racist comments and that pulled the All-Star game from Charlotte after North Carolina passed a trans-phobic law.

The culture seems to be realizing anew that sports *are* real life and that real human beings are involved. In many cities with pro teams, black communities face racist policing. These are often the same police that guard the stadiums. After Bay Area police threatened not work games for Kaepernick's 49ers, Miami police suggested they would not protect Dolphins players who protested. (This is the same PD that planned to boycott a Beyoncé concert. How do racists get such good tickets?)

How can black players leave politics at home even when it literally follows them to work?

For black players, racial politics is built into the game. Sponsors who use their images are discomfited by the sounds of their voices. Their bodies and their rights might not be protected by those tasked to do so, because they used the former to exercise the latter.

A black pro athlete in America is like the first guest to arrive at a party: both a winner and a loser.

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# FIGHTING FAKE FOOD SCIENCE WITH MEMES

How to shop genetically modified groceries:
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My life is a constant battle between wanting to refute pseudo-scientific bull and wanting to have friends.
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Anti-science giants of the Internet like "Food Babe" Vani Hari would have you believe that genetically modified foods are unsafe and dangerous "chemicals" are lurking everywhere. But a group of bloggers and science champions are, sometimes patiently and sometimes with some serious sass, acting as foot soldiers in the fight against food fads that have no basis in fact. **And they're turning their enemies' weapon of choice — social media — against them.** GENNA BUCK/METRO

## PRO-SCIENCE MAMA
## facebook.com/ProScienceMama

**Who's behind it:** This prolific meme-maker wants to remain behind her cat avatar, but said she's "an artisan from Finland."

**What's your goal?**
Education. Many people have told me that they have learned from the things I share, or changed their minds. I want to show people that not all young moms these days turn into anti-vax, modern-medicine-denying, wasting-money-on-organic-food hippies.

I am a mom, I have concerns about my kid as any other parent, but I do know that mommy instincts and gut feelings do not outweigh scientific evidence and reason.

**What misinformation makes you the maddest?**
I find the most frustrating topics are the ones that have been debunked time and time again, and yet people still keep repeating the same nonsense. The amount of misinformation and lies promoted by alternative health and lifestyle advocates is astonishing. I haven't had a day without a face-palm moment in a while.

**What particular food myths do you want to debunk?**
Anything considering organic food. Many people still believe that organic food is somehow healthier, more nutritious, pesticide-free, etc. Those are nice fairy tales, but not reality.

**What have you learned about how to make debunking work?**
It's often impossible to argue with people from the anti-vax or anti-GMO movements because they live so deep in their conspiracy-filled, paranoid world. But it is possible to reach other people who are not so fixed on their ideas. I find it important to keep a cool head. And always back up your claims with sources.

## DIET VS. DISEASE
## dietvsdisease.org

**Who's behind it:** Joe Leech, a dietitian from Sydney, Australia, who also makes videos for AuthorityNutrition.com.

**What kind of anti-science misinformation infuriates you the most?**
Definitely natural cancer "cures" that so many large websites with big followings are sharing. And then there's the anti-GMO movement. There's nothing to suggest GMOs are unsafe, and it's the only way we can create enough food to feed the world.

**What food myths would you like to see banished?**
Anything manipulative that preys on people's insecurities: It's unethical. Detox products, weight loss pills, strange diets (like the blood type diet and alkaline diet) and lemon water. There are so many stories of people following natural remedies instead of medicine and ending up worse off, or dead.

**What have you learned since starting this site?**
I've learned that humour works best, or being incredibly helpful and informative. Or better yet, both.

**Do you feel that consumers are getting more savvy and science literate?**
They're definitely asking more questions.

**Do you have a hope of being heard over anti-science heavyweights like the Food Babe?**
Absolutely. We can and will compete, it's just a gradual process. We need to observe and understand what those heavyweights do so well. Because that's where scientists have always been lacking, and is the reason pseudo-science has such a strong foothold on social (media).

## SCIBABE
## scibabe.com

**Who's behind it:** Former chemist Yvette d'Entremont initially fell for some of the pseudoscience that she now works to debunk.

**What's your goal?**
To help people recognize the difference between real science and pseudoscience using relatable, funny language. And maybe some d—k jokes.

**What food misinformation are you fighting?**
People think certain foods are evil (gluten and dairy come to mind), that sugar is toxic (a little is fine, keep it within your caloric allowance and get your veggies first), and that GMOs are hurting the planet (I talk to farmers and scientists about this regularly — just no). If people with access to every type of food are scared into buying something that puts a budgetary strain on them, I'm trying to tell them there's science that says the marketplace is safe.

**Are consumers getting more science-savvy?**
Consumers have seen enough lawsuits on products like sneakers that claim to give you a nice butt, or herbal pills that promise weight loss. They want to know what they're buying. Does it mean they're more interested in science? I'm not sure if they want the science or the cost savings, but they're getting both.

**Have you had any success bringing people over to a scientific point of view?**
Rarely does a week go by without an email saying "I used to follow the Food Babe until your writing made me take a closer look." The best letter I ever received was from a father of two who said he started vaccinating his kids after reading my blog.

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# An elegant and easy meal for midweek

**Just six ingredients will have you eating this tasty veal dish.** COURTESY BLACK DOG & LEVENTHAL

RECIPE

## This simple sauté will help you welcome fall's cool nights

It's the plague of the modern-day moonlighting cook: 'What can I eat tonight?'

But a new book aims to solve that conundrum. Simple: The Easiest Cookbook in the World (out this week from Black Dog & Leventhal) sets out to prove cooking doesn't have to be complex. Easy, elegant and healthy recipes are only a few ingredients and steps away. Try this one tonight:

**Sauté of veal with olives**
Prep time: 15 min.
Cooking time: 2 hours

**Ingredients:**
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) of extra virgin olive oil
- 2 pounds (1 kg) of veal stew meat pieces
- 1/2 bottle (375 mL) of dry white wine
- 1 bouquet garni
- 16 fl oz. (480 mL) tomato purée
- 7 oz. (200 g) green and black olives, pitted

**Directions:**

**1.** In a large saucepan over high heat, heat the olive oil.

**2.** Brown the veal, about 5 minutes. Reduce the heat to medium-low and add the white wine, bouquet garni, tomato purée and pitted olives.

**3.** Cover and simmer on low heat, stirring occasionally. Add a little water if the sauce reduces too much.

**4.** Enjoy accompanied by fresh pasta, if desired.

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# Taste of Persia proves that flexibility is the spice of life

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## Naomi Duguid's new cookbook offers 125 meals perfect for fall

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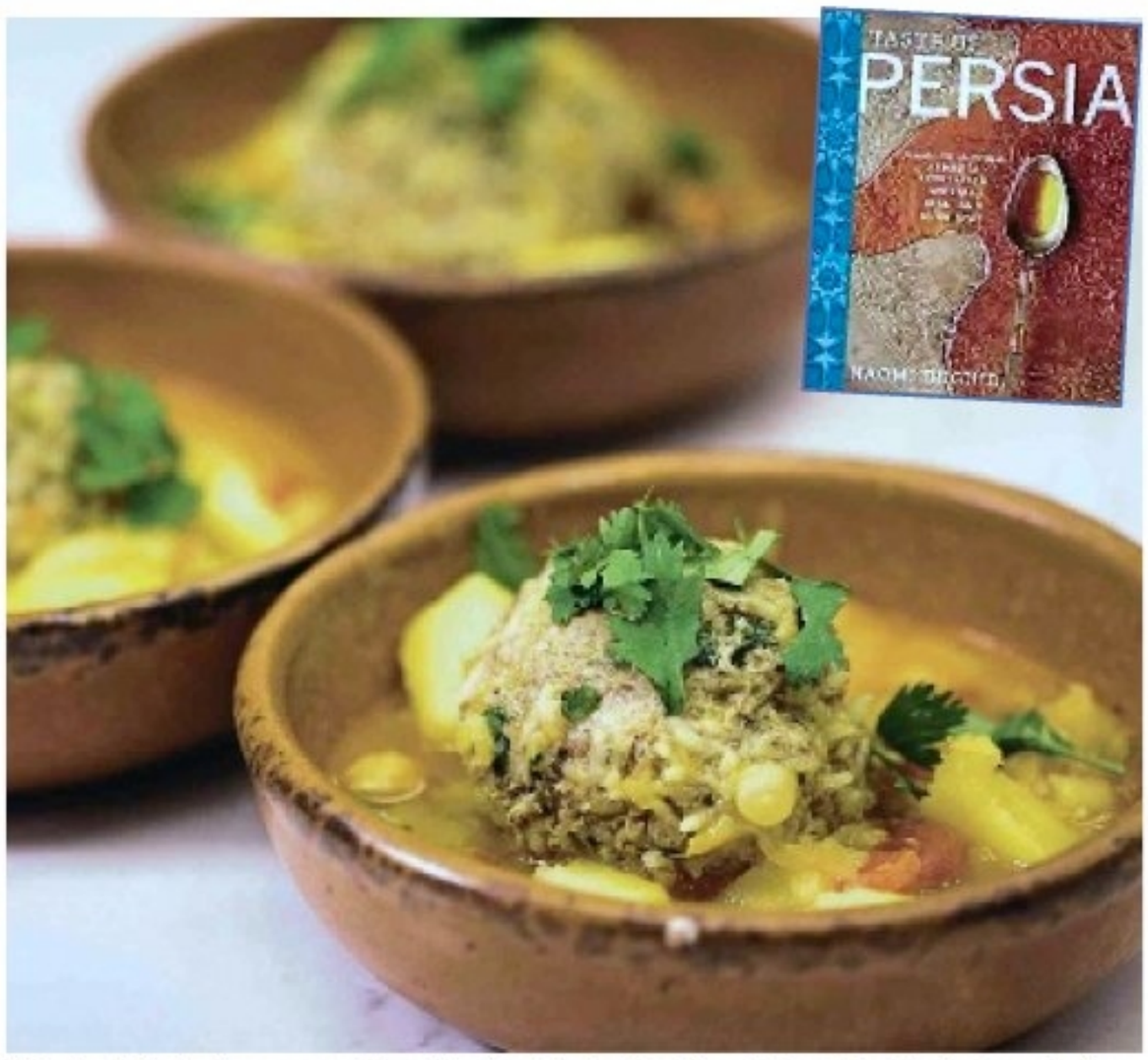


**A Taste of Persia is a compendium of recipes that author Naomi Duguid collected,** mostly from home cooks, during her half dozen trips or so to countries in the former Persian Empire: Iran, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kurdistan. RANDY RISLING/TORONTO STAR

There's a mutual nervousness whenever I show a cookbook author a dish I'm making from their book. They're worried the recipe wasn't written clearly enough while I'm worried I didn't do the dish justice.

Either way, when Naomi Duguid looked at the uncooked lamb meatballs I made from her new book Taste of Persia (Thomas Allen & Son, $50), her first observation was the meatballs were too small.

No big deal. She takes off her scarf, washes her hands and proceeds to smash two of the meatballs to make one hefty, fist-sized kofta ready to be cooked, though she says if I really wanted them smaller, that's my call.

It's this theme of improvisation and flexibility that runs throughout the Taste of Persia, the highly anticipated followup to Duguid's 2012 lauded book, Burma, that explores Southeast Asian cooking.

Persia is a compendium of around 125 recipes Duguid collected, mostly from home cooks, during her half dozen trips or so to countries in the former Persian Empire: Iran, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kurdistan.

What better souvenirs are there than recipes for herbed sauces and spice blends, fall-friendly stews and braised meats, and crispy flatbreads?

"It's the brilliance and creativity of people making three, four meals a day for their family 365 days a year using what they have and can afford. It's the most admirable thing in the world and we all have that in common," she says.

"I want readers to feel a connection to the people of this region, and that's what I always try to do with my books — have that home cooking connection. Then when they read news about Iran they can visualize the kofta and the people behind it."

These delectable koftas can be made ahead of time and kept in the freezer.

Simply add them to boiling broth and simmer for 30 minutes. As the koftas cook, the rice inside aids the absorption of the soup, so have extra water handy in case the pot starts to dry out.

During her travels, Duguid found that every household has a different way of making koftas.

Some stuff them with chopped boil eggs rather than dried fruit, others use spices. On the streets, vendors grill rather than serve them in soup. Try experimenting with different fillings, herbs and spices.

### Lahich-Style Kofta Soup

**Makes 10 appetizers or 5 generous servings.**

**Ingredients for the koftas:**
- 3 coarsely chopped yellow onions
- 2 lbs ground lamb or beef
- 1 tsp (5 mL) ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) ground cinnamon
- 2 tsp (10 mL) salt
- 1 tsp (5 mL) ground pepper
- 1 cup (250 mL) jasmine or short-grain rice, rinsed and drained
- 2 tsp (10 mL) dried mint or 1/2 cup (125 mL) minced fresh cilantro
- 10-20 dried apricots

**Directions for the koftas:**

**1.** In a food processor, pulse onions until a soft mush. Add meat, ginger, cinnamon, salt and pepper. Blend until well incorporated. Transfer to mixing bowl. Add rice and herbs. Knead mixture with hands until well mixed.

**2.** Cover bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or overnight.

**3.** With moistened hands, form meatballs by scooping 1/2 cup of the meat (or 1/4 cup for smaller koftas) and rolling into a ball. Push a dried apricot into centre of kofta. Roll kofta back into a ball, sealing apricot in centre.

**Ingredients for the soup:**
- Water, for boiling tomato
- 1 large tomato
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) sunflower or olive oil
- 1 grated yellow onion
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground turmeric
- 4 cups (1 L) water
- 1 cup (250 mL) canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 4 to 5 medium-sized red potatoes, peeled and roughly cut into cubes
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Fresh cilantro or mint leaves, for garnish

**Directions for the soup:**

**1.** In a small saucepan over medium-high heat, bring water to a rapid boil. Score an "x" on bottom of tomato. Submerge tomato into water and let boil for 30 seconds. Drain and submerge tomato in a bowl of cold water. Peel and dice tomato into small chunks. Set aside.

**2.** In a large pot over medium heat, heat oil. Sauté onion and turmeric until fragrant, 3 to 4 minutes. Add tomato and cook for three minutes. Add water, turn heat up to medium-high and bring to a boil for 2 minutes.

**3.** Reduce heat to a gentle simmer. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add chickpeas and continue to simmer for 20 minutes.

**4.** Bring liquid back to a roaring boil. Add potatoes and a few meatballs, do not overcrowd pot. Cover and reduce heat to medium. Simmer for 30 minutes, or until koftas are cooked.

**5.** Remove koftas with a ladle and cook remaining koftas, adding additional water if too much liquid evaporates. Divide koftas, potatoes and soup into serving bowls. Garnish with herbs, if using. Serve immediately.

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# Out of Scion's ashes, Toyota 86 rises

REVIEW

## The 86 is built with driving enjoyment in mind

Dan Ilika
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Like a Hellcat in the rain, Toyota's Scion failed to gain traction.

It wasn't, however, for a lack of enjoyable and affordable products, with a handful of solid offerings throughout the youth-oriented brand's lineup, including the FR-S coupe. It was back to the basics in a market flooded with anything but; an honest-to-goodness sports car in the purest sense. So as the death knell tolls for Scion, the FR-S lives on, rebadged as the 2017 Toyota 86.

As one of only three Scion models to be salvaged, the 86, née FR-S, gets a fistful of new goodies as part of its welcome to the Toyota lineup. Slight styling enhancements, including redesigned front and rear fascias, LED lighting all around, and a new 17-inch wheel design, while changes to the interior include a smaller steering wheel and synthetic suede trim.

Mechanically, the 86 gets a few minor tweaks, including revised spring rates and shock tuning, standard hill-start assist regardless of transmission choice to keep the car from rolling backwards, and new intake and exhaust manifold designs. And, like the Subaru BRZ with which the 86 shares its platform, manual versions of the 2.0-litre boxer four-cylinder-powered coupe get a modest five horsepower increase, and a boost in the torque department.

The 86 was built with the basics of driving enjoyment in mind. Brute power is not necessary to have fun in the Toyota 86, and so brute power isn't part of the package. Even with the slight bump in output, the car is the least powerful in its segment by a long shot. But that doesn't mean it isn't fun; quite the contrary, actually.

The 86 may lack power, but it makes up for it by being light. With a suspension setup that is neither too soft nor too stiff, the car can be tossed into a corner with little recoil, the thick sway bars keeping body roll to a minimum, the car poised for the next turn. Even with track mode engaged — and with it traction control turned off — the 86 offers plenty of road-hugging ability.

And then there are the transmissions. Both six-speeds, Toyota says the take rate on the automatic compared to the manual is about 60/40, which means 60 percent of buyers are missing out on almost 100 per cent of the fun. Sure, it doesn't take all the enjoyment out of the drive, but it definitely saps most of it, feeling unwilling to co-operate at times despite its rev-matching ways.

The Scion brand may be dead, but its youthful essence is alive and well in the 2017 Toyota 86. Sure, the fanboys and girls will complain about the lack of a turbocharged engine, but the coupe hits a sports car sweet spot that few others can match.

### THE CHECKLIST | 2017 TOYOTA 86

**THE BASICS**

**Engine:** 2.0L flat four-cylinder
**Power:** 205 hp, 156 lb-ft (manual)
**Transmission:** Six-speed manual; six-speed automatic
**Fuel Economy (L/100 km):** 11.3 city, 8.3 hwy (manual)
**Price:** Starts at $31,270 (destination included)

**LOVE IT**
- Responsive handling
- Balanced ride
- Turn-key fun factor

**LEAVE IT**
- Automatic transmission
- Soft clutch feel
- Outdated center stack

INNOVATION

# 'Blasphemous' auto trends that people end up loving

Jodi Lai
AutoGuide.com

Sometimes, automakers come out with a new car or technology that is a hit, while other times, traditionalists will whine and complain and go so far as to call these changes "blasphemous" … and then end up buying it anyway. Here are a few major changes that got a lot of hate, but ended up being huge successes.

**SUVs from Sports Car Makers**

Believe it or not, there was a time when sports car makers only made sports cars. That changed with the crossover boom, and when Porsche came out with the Cayenne in 2002, for example, enthusiasts were up in arms about how the German automaker was selling out and said it would lead to the company's demise. They said a Porsche SUV was blasphemous and that they would boycott it. The Cayenne quickly went on to become the brand's best-selling model, outselling the 911 by a huge margin and spawning the smaller and popular Macan.

**Hybrid/Electric Sports Cars**

Hybrids and green cars used to be thought of as transportation for granola-eating tree-huggers, so people generally thought hybrid/electric sports cars would make too many compromises and would ultimately fail. However, Tesla has proven that electric cars don't have to be boring or slow, and hypercars like the LaFerrar proved that hybridization can be used to bolster performance.

**Turbocharged Muscle Cars**

It can be argued that muscle car admirers hang on to their traditions with more force than any other group of enthusiasts.

They want naturally aspirated, big-displacement, rear-wheel-drive cars that are fast in a straight line and they have historically been resistant to change.

Fast forward to today where consumers can now buy Camaros and Mustangs with turbocharged four-cylinder engines, and a Dodge Challenger with a supercharger.

**People were up in arms over the Porsche Cayenne when it came out in 2002, but it quickly became the company's best-selling model.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

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"I'm not sure there's any prospect of progress being made": NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly on NHL participation at the 2018 Winter Olympics

# Advantage Team Canada

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

## Red and white can raise trophy with win on Thursday night

Dominance it was not, but Team Canada still did enough to capture Game 1 of the World Cup of Hockey final.

Carey Price made 32 saves and the top line of Sidney Crosby, Brad Marchand, and Patrice Bergeron chipped in with two more goals as Canada beat Europe 3-1 on Tuesday night.

Steven Stamkos scored the eventual game-winner, with Marchand and Bergeron also finding the back of the net.

Earlier in the day Canadian head coach Mike Babcock said the World Cup, for all its good, could not replace the Olympics "where the heat's on you and you've got to deliver."

"Let's not get confused," he said.

And indeed, the opener lacked the intensity, emotion or inherent tension that the race for a medal at the Olympics offers. The game had more of the feel of an exhibition match than the final of a top international tournament. There was no pushing and shoving between whistles or apparent verbal sniping between the two benches.

Canada didn't dominate like it had previously.

Some of that was resistance from Europe, a concept team that's unlikely to return for future World Cups. They offered what's become a standard fight in the first game of perhaps their only final appearance, limiting Canada's chances while generating more than a few of their own.

It was testament to the overwhelming talent disparity between the two teams that Canada grabbed a 2-0 lead after the first.

Team Canada defenceman Brent Burns collides with Team Europe's Thomas Vanek in Toronto on Tuesday night.
NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**FINAL Game 1**

| CANADA | EUROPE |
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The Europeans were actually the better team through 20 minutes. They outshot the Canadians 13-9, sustained lengthy stints in the offensive zone and even had the best early chance of the game, a Tomas Tatar shot in tight that was denied by Price.

But Canada capitalized on its chances as a team with this much firepower often does.

Europe scored its only goal when Dennis Seidenberg sent a shot from the sideboards through a maze of traffic, the deflected attempt was found by Tatar, who slipped a shot past Price to make it 2-1.

Crosby had a pair of assists on the night.

Canada can clinch the World Cup trophy with a victory on Thursday night.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL PRE-SEASON

## Kulak leads Flames over Jets

Brett Kulak scored a pair of goals and added an assist as the Calgary Flames blanked the Winnipeg Jets 3-0 in NHL pre-season action Tuesday.

The 22-year-old defenceman assisted on Freddie Hamilton's first goal of the game and then took advantage of a mishandled puck behind Winnipeg's net to make it 2-0 in the second period.

**TUESDAY at MTS Centre**

| FLAMES | JETS |
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Kulak, a native of Edmonton, then upped it to 3-0 at 13:10 of the third after tapping the puck with his skate onto his stick and flipping it past Jets goalie Eric Comrie.

Goalie Chad Johnson played the first two periods for the Flames, stopping 21 shots. David Rittich had his turn in net for the final period and made six saves.

It was Calgary's first pre-season victory after it had lost a pair of home-and-away, split-squad games against Edmonton on Monday.

Comrie played the full game in net for Winnipeg's first exhibition game, stopping 24 of the 27 shots he faced.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

## Sanchez baffles O's bats in Jays' victory

**Aaron Sanchez pays tribute to the late Jose Fernandez upon taking the mound on Tuesday.** GETTY IMAGES

Josh Donaldson hit a two-run homer and Aaron Sanchez pitched six solid innings as the Toronto Blue Jays downed the Baltimore Orioles 5-1 on Tuesday in a matchup of American League wild-card holders.

Ezequiel Carrera hit a solo shot and added another RBI for the Jays (87-70), who extended their lead for the first AL wild card to two games over Baltimore.

Sanchez (14-2) allowed one run on five hits with two walks and 10 strikeouts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**IN BRIEF**

**Phelps' advice falls on Lochte's deaf ears**

Add Michael Phelps' name to the list of Americans who were less than amused by teammate Ryan Lochte's post-competition, early morning drunken antics at the Rio Olympics.

"I did have a talk with him about two days before about not doing anything bad," said Phelps, who retired after the Summer Games as the most-decorated Olympian of all time. "I told him, 'Just keep your head on straight. Have fun.'" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**It's my own personal goal to be able to be greater than great.**

LeBron James is openly admitting that his goal is to catch and surpass Michael Jordan to be considered the greatest of all time.

NHL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

## Gretzky takes on role of ambassador

Wayne Gretzky already planned to attend this season's Winter Classic, all-star game and Heritage Classic, so it was a no-brainer for the Great One when NHL commissioner Gary Bettman asked him to take an official role in the league's centennial celebration.

As the "ambassador" for the festivities, Gretzky returns to the NHL in an official capacity for the first time since 2009, when he served as part-owner, coach and head of hockey operations with the Phoenix Coyotes.

"I've always said this thousands of times: it's the greatest game in the world. Everything I have in my life is because of the National Hockey League and the game of hockey. So when the commissioner called me a couple months ago and asked me if I wanted to be involved I said 'Absolutely,'" Gretzky said Tuesday, sharing a stage with Bettman at Air Canada Centre.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

# RECIPE Pumpkin Pasta with Ricotta and Sage

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**
For Metro Canada

Don't let lattes have all the pumpkin fun, try fall's all-star veg in this creamy, delicious pasta.

**Ready in 30 minutes**
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

**Ingredients**
- 500 g pasta
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 shallots, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 Tbsp fresh chopped sage, plus more for garnish
- 1/4 cup ricotta
- 1 cup pumpkin purée
- 1 cup chicken broth
- fresh grated nutmeg to taste
- Salt to taste
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, plus more for garnish

**Directions**
**1.** Cook the pasta according to package directions. Once the pasta has reached al dente, reserve 1/4 cup of the cooking water and drain the rest.
**2.** While your pasta is cooking, heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the shallots, garlic and sage and cook until tender, about 5 to 7 minutes.
Add the ricotta, pumpkin purée, chicken broth, nutmeg and a pinch of salt; stir until combined.
**3.** Stir in the pasta and coat with the sauce. Add reserved pasta water to thin the sauce to desired consistency. Mix in the Parmesan cheese.
**4.** Serve the pasta with a sprinkling of Parmesan cheese and chopped sage.

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# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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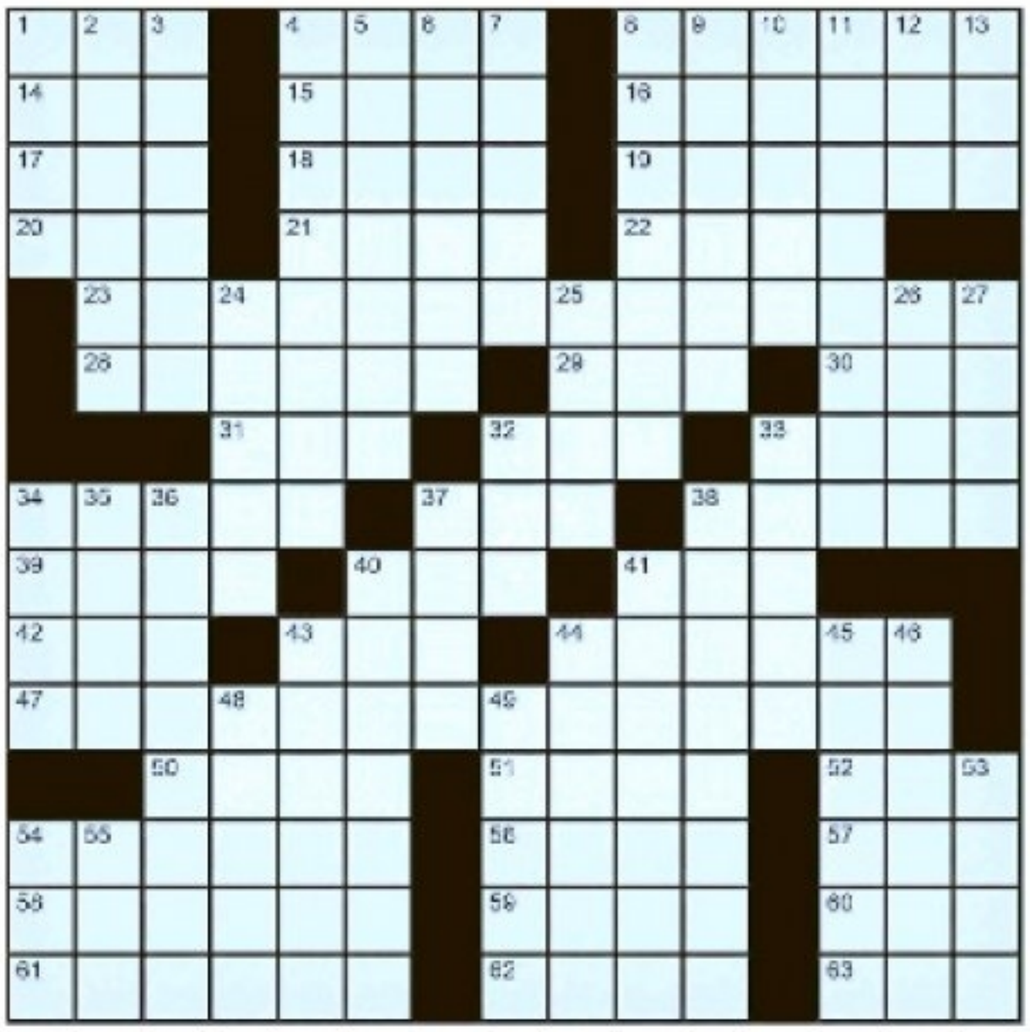

**ACROSS**
1. Universal principle
4. "_ Las Vegas" (1964)
8. Green-on-copper
14. MLB official
15. '70s superheroine ancient Egyptian goddess TV series
16. Sounded off
17. Spelling contest
18. Missing laundry item
19. Like a deposited river
20. Ms. Jillian
21. Whodunit board game
22. Mr. Meyers
23. Celebrated Cambridge couple currently in Canada: 3 wds.
28. Enemy of ancient Athens
29. "_ _ Mine" by The Beatles
30. Fluffy scarf
31. Actress Charlotte
32. Physicians, puny-ly
33. Vera of fashion design
34. Model of perfection
37. Green gunk
38. Cleaning cloth's characteristic
39. Pinball infraction
40. Boo-_
41. Tina of comedy
42. Nightfall
43. Soup sort
44. Inclines
47. As per #23-Across... _ _ of Yukon History (Stop in Whitehorse today ...More at #50-Across!)
50. As per #23-Across and #47-Across... Royal _ of Canada
51. Turns to compost
52. Floor covering
54. Officer in "A Few Good Men" (1992)
56. Merle Haggard's "_ from Muskogee"
57. US medicine watchdog
58. X- and Y- in math class
59. Shelters
60. Baby bird's birthplace
61. School break
62. Work units
63. Actor, Billy _ Williams

**DOWN**
1. Orchestra standout
2. Makes right
3. Divulge the details: 2 wds.
4. Intuitive
5. Sequester
6. Llama-like woolly animal
7. Called for
8. Arboreal marsupials
9. For each one
10. Farmland
11. A sure thing: 3 wds.
12. Society pages word
13. What a calculator can do
24. Gold measurement, variantly
25. "White Flag" songstress
26. "Your _" by Elton John
27. Like a herbalist's advice?
32. Bovine's bellow!
33. Garth's Canadian-created pal in movies
34. Newspaper piece
35. Prima donna
36. 'E' of GE
37. Incite
38. Appraise anew
40. Paris Hilton, for one
41. Grooves in architectural columns
43. Trims
44. Cigarettes purchaser
45. Covered in sods, like the yard
46. Eyeliner error
48. Idaho's capital
49. Wear, weather-style
53. _ Park, in Hamilton
54. Scratch
55. Tree tool

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20
Confusion at work might get you in trouble with an authority figure today. To be safe, double-check all of your work before you show it to others.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21
Children might be an increased responsibility today. Perhaps because of this, some kind of confusion will create a problem. Make sure you know what's happening.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21
Family discussions might be stressful today. You can't please everyone. Don't be dishonest to avoid conflict, because it will only make things worse.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23
You might second-guess yourself today because you're not sure about something. Unfortunately, a boss at work won't like this. Tread carefully!

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
Be careful how you handle financial matters today, because some kind of confusion or deceit is possible. This especially applies to social situations, sports events and dealing with children.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Life is hard today; it's just one of those things. Fortunately, it's temporary and will be gone in 24 hours. Therefore, don't be discouraged. Stay calm and carry on.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
One reason there might be some confusion in your life today is because someone is not telling the truth. If you think something looks suspicious, it is.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Relations with a friend or a member of a group are strained today, possibly because of money matters or a possession you own. Make sure you have your facts right.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a poor day to ask a boss or parent for a favour or approval. Postpone this kind of thing for another day. Hard work is your best choice today.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Do not be cocky in matters related to politics, religion or racial issues today. Something you don't know about could blindside you. If you're not sure about something, stay silent. Assume nothing.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Double-check all financial matters and negotiations dealing with shared property, inheritances and jointly held possessions.

**Pisces**
Feb. 20 - March 20
You have to accommodate others today. Nevertheless, make sure everything is above board and on the up and up, because something is fishy.

**CONCEPTIS SUDOKU** by Dave Green

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